Female Friendships in Adult Fiction

If you have outgrown pinky-swears and friendship bracelets, but you still believe in Best Friends Forever, here are some books to share with your friends.

All the Way Home, by Ann Tatlock.

During World War II, Augusta Schuler loses her best friend, Sunny Yamagata, to the infamous "internment camps" for Japanese-Americans. Sunny and Augie reunite as adults and become involved with the Civil Rights Movement.

Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons, by Lorna Landvik.

The AHEBB will now come to order! Founding members of this radical neighborhood book club are serene Kari, timid Merit, new-in-town Faith, drama queen Audrey, and activist Slip.

Cocktails for Three, by Madeleine Wickham.

Three stylish, successful magazine editors share secrets and scandals at the swankiest bar in London.

The Dirty Girls Social Club, by Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez.

Six Latina women meet at Boston University and get together every week, calling themselves the *sucias*, or dirty girls – women who are "gorgeous and brilliant, talented and crazy," and never afraid to make a sensation.

The Friday Night Knitting Club, by Kate Jacobs.

The women who come to Georgia Walker's yarn shop are more than just customers: they are her support system as she raises her 12-year-old daughter alone.

The Joy Luck Club, by Amy Tan.

Four very different friends who emigrated from China play mah-jongg together and discuss their husbands, their hobbies, and their dreadfully Westernized daughters.

Light a Penny Candle, by Maeve Binchy.

Elizabeth is evacuated from London during the Blitz to stay with Aisling and her large, boisterous Dublin family. They stay in touch with detailed letters for many years, sharing the highest and lowest points of their lives.

<u>Little Bee</u>, by Chris Cleave.

Nigerian refugee Little Bee and widowed British mom Sarah have bonded over a horrific experience, and their lives will be forever entwined.

Remarkable Creatures, by Tracy Chevalier.

19th-century paleontologist Mary Anning and fellow shell-seeker Elizabeth Philpot become friends while hunting fossils along the English coast.

Sex and the South Beach Chicas, by Caridad Pineiro.

Tori, Juli, Sylvia and Adriana dish about boyfriends, anxieties and ambitions over their Monday-night mojitos.

Silver Girl, by Elin Hilderbrand.

When Meredith thought she had lost everything – her home, her reputation, and her fortune – she still had her childhood friend Connie.

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan, by Lisa See.

Lily and Snow Flower are "old sames" (*laotong*) in 19th-century China, having sworn an oath of eternal sisterhood when they were seven years old. As adults, they send each other messages written in the secret "women's writing" (*nu shu*) on an old silk fan.

Summer Sisters, by Judy Blume.

Adventurous, spontaneous Caitlin always invited quiet, serious Vix to spend summers with Caitlin's family on Martha's Vineyard. Now she's marrying the man that Vix always loved, and she wants Vix to be her maid of honor.

Waiting to Exhale, by Terry McMillan.

Savannah, Robin, Bernadine, and Gloria are all looking for the same thing: a man who will just take their breath away.

The Wildwater Walking Club, by Claire Cook.

Grab your pedometer and put on your sweatpants and worn-out sneakers to join Noreen, Tess, and Rosie as they strive to walk 10,000 steps a day together.